

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 were been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to correct the various informalities noted by the Examiner:

With regard to claim 1, "a selection circuit" is shown as reference numeral "170" in Figures 3, 10, etc. "Switch" is shown by reference numerals "SW1", "SW2", ... in Figures 3, 10, etc. The amendment to claim 1 is supported by the specification at page 14 lines 11-17 which states that the selection circuit 170 includes switches SW1, SW2, ...

With regard to claim 2, "a first switch" is shown by reference symbol SW1 in Figures 10, 11, etc. Claim 2 is amended. Claim 2 is amended to "said first signal line and said second signal line are selected by a first switch included in the selection circuit". That is, the "first switch" is included in the selection circuit.

With regard to claim 3, "a second switch" is shown by reference symbol SW2 in FIGS. 10, 11, etc. Claim 3 is amended "said first signal line and said second signal line are selected by the first switch and the second switch, respectively, included in the selection circuit". That is, the "second switch" is included in the selection circuit.

With regard to claim 6, the "said selection means" phrase has been changed to -said selection circuit— consistent with amended claim 1.

With regard to the drawings, the method of inspecting a short circuit between adjacent signal lines by the control of the CPU (901) is described in the specification, for example, from page 30, line 14 to page 34, line 25 and shown in FIGS. 10 and 11. In particular, as described on page 31, line 24 through page 32, line 10, and as shown in Figure 11, CPU 901 controls the read circuit 903 and reads output signals from the second signal line X2, and judges whether or not there is a short circuit between the first signal line X1 and the second signal line X2.

A corrected sheet of drawing with a substitute Figure 11 is provided with this Amendment. The corrected portions are shown in the following:



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In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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